

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1-12 and add new claim 13 as set forth below:

1. (Currently Amended) An application service providing method of providing a user with application services, the method comprising the steps of:

~~selecting applications satisfying user requirements from a plurality of applications; and~~

providing a business function list of holding applications;

inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user;

supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements; and

providing application service~~service~~ of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by performing data format conversion between data input by the user and data for the selected applications or communication protocol conversion.

2. (Currently Amended) An application service providing method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~user requirements are application function requirements indicating a function of an application requested by the user, charge requirements indicating a limit charge amount payable by the user, or~~

application candidates satisfy response requirements
indicating a response of an application ~~requested~~inputted by
the user.

3. (Currently Amended) An application service providing
method according to claim 1, further comprising at the steps of:
detecting change of satisfaction rate of the
function requirements; and
exchanging an application not satisfying the user
requirements with another application.

4. (Currently Amended) An application service providing
method according to claim 1, further comprising at the steps of:
storing a user name, names of applications contracted with the
user, login names and passwords of the applications in a login
information table;
accepting input of the user name; and
performing login procedures to the applications
corresponding to the input user name in the login information
table~~concentrating a counter of services for a plurality of~~
~~applications.~~

5. (Original) An application service providing system
for providing a user with application services, the system
comprising:

~~application selecting means (103) for selecting applications satisfying user requirements from a plurality of applications; and~~

means for providing a business function list of holding applications;

means for inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user;

means for supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements; and

system linking means (102) for providing service of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by ~~application services~~ by performing data format conversion between data input by the user and data for the selected applications or communication protocol conversion.

6. (Original) An application service providing system according to claim 5, further comprising application exchanging means ~~(107)~~ for exchanging an application not satisfying the user requirements with another application.

7. (Original) An application service providing system according to claim 5, further comprising counter concentrating means ~~(120)~~ for concentrating a counter of services for a plurality of applications.

8. (Original) A computer readable storage medium storing a program for realizing on a computer an application

service providing system for providing a user with application services, the program comprising instructions for performing the steps of:

~~_____ selecting applications satisfying user requirements from a plurality of applications, and~~

_____ providing a business function list of holding applications;

_____ inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user;

_____ supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements; and

_____ providing application services service of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by performing data format conversion between data input by the user and data for the selected applications or communication protocol conversion.

9. (Original) A computer readable storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the program further comprises instructions for performing a step of exchanging an application not satisfying the user requirements with another application.

10. (Original) A computer readable storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the program further comprises

instructions for performing a step of concentrating a counter of services for a plurality of applications.

11. (Currently Amended) An application service providing method in an intermediary provider, which is different from a primary provider holding applications, of providing a user with application services, the method comprising the steps of:

~~selecting applications or application providers and their applications satisfying user requirements from a plurality of applications provided by a application provider or providers; and~~

inputting function requirements required by a user;

supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements from the applications held by the primary provider; and

providing application services of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by performing data format conversion, communication protocol conversion, or work flow management between the selected applications.

12. (Original) An application service providing system for providing a user with application services, the system comprising:

means for providing a business function list of holding applications;

means for inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user;

means for supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements; and

~~means (103) for selecting applications or application providers and their applications satisfying user requirements from a plurality of applications provided by a application provider or providers; and~~

means for providing service of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by by performing data format conversion, ~~means (101) for providing application services by performing data format conversion,~~ communication protocol conversion, or work flow management between the selected applications.

13. (New) An application service providing method according to claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

storing first tag names corresponding to items displayed on a screen and second tag names corresponding to function results of the applications in a tag code list table with linking the first tag names with the second tag names;

determining the first tag names relating to the second tag names of the applications selected by the user; and

presenting item data corresponding to the determined first tag names to the user.